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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

CHRISTOPHER MAZZO, D.C. License No. MC 5345

CONSENT ORDER

TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Chiropractic Examiners upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and the parties wishing to resolve this matter without further formal proceedings, hereby stipulate to the following findings of fact and conclusions of law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Christopher Mazzo, D.C., is a chiropractic physician in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.

- 2. On or about July 18, 2001, Respondent paid a person to provide him with a patient to whom he intended to provide chiropractic services for the purpose of seeking to obtain benefits under a contract of insurance.
- 3. On October 19, 2006, Respondent acknowledged before the Board having engaged in the acts described in paragraph #2 above, which acts constitute an offense relating adversely to the practice of chiropractic, as well as a civil violation of N.J.A.C. 13:44E-2.6 (payment of a referral fee).
- 4. On October 19, 2006, Respondent also acknowledged before the Board that upon ceasing to engage in the practice of chiropractic for more than three months, he failed to establish a procedure by which former patients could obtain their patient records; failed to publish any notice of the cessation of his practice; failed to notify the Board of the cessation of his practice; and failed to directly notify his most recent patients of a procedure for the retrieval of their records, in violation of N.J.A.C. 13:44E-2.2(g). Respondent also testified that he failed to maintain the patient records of his patients for the period of time required by N.J.A.C. 13:44E-2.2(b).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The aforesaid conduct provides grounds for the suspension of Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A 45:1-21(f), in that Respondent has engaged in acts constituting an offense which relates adversely to the practice of chiropractic.
- 2. The aforesaid conduct provides grounds for the suspension of Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in New Jersey pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A</u> 45:1-21(h), in that Respondent has violated multiple regulations administered by the Board; to wit: <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:44E-2.6; <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 13:44E-2.2(g).

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 27 day of Filtery, 2007
ORDERED AND AGREED that:

- 1. Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey be and hereby is suspended for a period of two (2) years, the first six (6) months to be an active suspension and the remaining eighteen (18) months shall be stayed and served as a period of probation, commencing upon the issuance of this Order. Respondent shall receive credit for the entire active suspension due to his voluntary cessation of practice from December 1, 2002 until June 1, 2003.
 - 2. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for his actions specified above.
- 3. During the period of stayed suspension, Respondent shall fully attend, successfully complete, and unconditionally pass the ProBE (Professional Problem Based Ethics) course offered by The Ethics Group, 89 Summit Avenue, Suite 185, Summit, New Jersey 07901, or the PRIME (Professional Renewal in Medicine through Ethics) course offered by the Center for Continuing Education in the Health Professions at UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, 97 Paterson Street, Room 124, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. Documentation of the full and successful completion of the course shall be provided to the Board within 30 days of such completion.
- 4. During the period of stayed suspension, Respondent shall successfully complete and pass the Jurisprudence examination required for initial licensure in this State.
- 5. Respondent shall pay costs of investigation in the amount of \$903.00, which shall be paid within ten (10) days of signing this Order. Payment shall be by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be sent to: Kevin B. Earle, Executive Director, Board of Chiropractic Examiners at 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, P.O. Box 45004, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

6. Failure to comply with any provisions of this Order may result in subsequent disciplinary proceedings for failure to comply with an Order of the Board.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS

Lawrence O'Connor, D.C.

Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Christopher Mazzo, D.C.

I hereby consent to the form and entry of this order.

Andrew Napolitano, Esq. Attorney for Respondent Christopher Mazzo, D.C.